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FOR: USE OF NOVEL VIRULENCE-SPECIFIC GENES AS TARGETS FOR  
DIAGNOSIS AND POTENTIAL CONTROL OF VIRULENT STRAINS  
OF *LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES*

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed September 28, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-14 drawn to an isolated gene and primer/probe, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.